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"A TRUE LEADER."—It is not often we find a voice of music, a faultless manner, an intellect of sheer keenness, endless wit, humor and pathos all combined in one person and that one person a labor leader.

But such is the unusual and unlooked for in the person of Cornelius Lehané of Cork, Ireland, who was at one time the secretary of the Irish Federation of Labor.

Lehané is the perfect orator who tells a story that strikes straight home and moves the souls of men to thought and action.

America can well feel proud that she has been blessed by his advent here.

But what I cannot quite understand is why such papers as the Trib., Post, News and the rest of the big dailies who claim to stand for the interests of the people do not give such a character as this just a little publicity. He is a true teacher and friend of humanity itself. It surely would be well for the people of these United States to know something of Lehané.—Jesse Frye.

IMMODESTY.—A very noticeable trait in our young ladies of the present day is their startling immodesty. It seems that their false vanity has so completely overcome their common sense that they will go to any extreme in order to make themselves the center of attraction (or butt of ridicule).

One of their main ambitions seems to be to try and imitate fast women. They appear on the street with gowns cut extremely low at the neck and high at the limbs, exposing more nudity than even some of the most brazen actresses do behind the footlights. And I will venture to say that some of our best young ladies will in a short time so completely eclipse the female stars of stardom in the matter of frailty of costume that the chorus queens will find themselves

without a profession and will be forced to forsake the brilliant glitter and bright lights for rural quietude and domestic praiseworthiness.

An uninitiated person walking our public streets and viewing the passing parade of scantily-veiled females would be unable to tell whether it was a bathing beach or a burlesque show. But does such style of dress reflect good character? Will such styles induce men to treat women respectfully and honorably? Has such styles a good moral influence on both sexes? Absolutely no! So lose your vanity girls and get back to earth.—James McGuire.

TAKES EXCEPTION TO SMITH.

—I wish to take exception to Wm. J. Smith's recent article attacking Pres. Wilson, wherein he speaks about "the plain indiscrimination of this government on the neutrality question" for removing the embargo on arms to Mexico on Feb. 3, then placing it on again June 4.

Wm. J. Smith is evidently referring to the "plain indiscrimination" in our policy between Mexico and the European powers.

There is not the least comparison between the two. When the naval superiority of England and her allies forbid the shipments of arms and munitions to reach her enemies, can Germany blame the United States?

That is one point to England's credit, and to place an embargo at this time would be like forcing the Germans to abandon their submarine warfare entirely. If the embargo was placed in the beginning, when both belligerents were on the seas, it would have been a different thing. Why didn't the Germans and their sympathizers request an embargo before their ships were wiped off the seas?

In Mexico neither faction has any advantage over the other, for if one had it would have been recognized by the U. S. As they are both on an equal basis, either placing an em-